

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. General Remarks.

Applicants respectfully request that the above amendments be entered and further request consideration of the application in view of the amendments and the remarks contained herein.

II. Disposition of the Claims.

Claims 1-32 are pending. Claims 1-32 are subject to a restriction requirement.

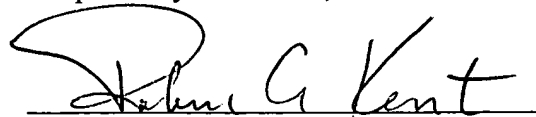
Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-7 and 32, without traverse. The remaining claims, namely claims 8-31, have been withdrawn. Applicants reserve the right to submit the withdrawn claims in one or more continuing or divisional applications.

SUMMARY

In light of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the elected claims. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone, facsimile, or electronic mail.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in association with the filing of this response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any additional fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition therefor, and direct that any additional fees be charged to the Deposit Account of Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., No. 08-0300 (Reference Number HES 2003-IP-009800U1) for any underpayment of fees that may be due in association with this filing.

Respectfully submitted,



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